

Concert



DAMIEN LEESON/THE EDGE
A choir member sings during a morning choir rehearsal on Wednesday. The Concert Choir is busy preparing for an upcoming concert.

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Crull. "I'm excited about the progress we're making," Crull said. "We're having good rehearsals, we're working hard."

Members of the choir echoed that sentiment, and said that having all the music performance-ready by the concert will be no problem.

"I think rehearsals have been going really well," said Laura Decker, Lindsborg junior. "(Especially considering) we've got a few rehearsals left, we'll be fine"

Crull said the concert will last just over an hour.

Admission is free for FHSU students, and a small fee will be charged to the general public.

New director offers stability

It may only be his first year at FHSU, but Director of Choral Activities Terry Crull already has some firm goals set for what he wants to give to the program and what he wants it to become in the future.

"First of all, stability. The program has gone through four directors in four years," Crull said. "So for the seniors that are here, I'm the fourth guy that has stood in front of them. And I'm sorry about that for them because no matter how good we all are, that's upsetting."

He added the frequent turnover in directors has resulted in participation being down, especially for men. That's a situation he hopes to rectify in the near future.

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"Hopefully we'll get some of them back second semester, that's what we're looking for," said Crull. "If they hear that things are going well, that rehearsals are productive and our sound is solid and they understand that I'm here for the long haul, not just until I find something better."

Right now, all the people in the smaller ensembles (Women's Chorale and Fort Hays Singers) are also integrated into the Concert Choir. Crull said in the future, he hopes to grow the program enough that some more ensembles can be created

that won't necessarily overlap with the others.

Crull said his main goals would remain "growing the program, growing the quality of the program and the stability of it through having a director that stays more than one year."

In addition to directing the ensembles and teaching other music classes, Crull serves as the musical director for the fall musical, "Cabaret". He also will direct the Hays Community Chorale, which will perform in conjunction with FHSU choirs and a choral ensemble from Hays High School in the annual Cathedral Concert in early December.

▼ Leadership Studies

Brungardt honored with Voss distinguished professorship

Dr. Curt Brungardt in August became Fort Hays State University's second faculty member to fill a position created under the Regent's Faculty of Distinction Program when he assumed the position of Omer G. Voss Distinguished Professor of Leadership Studies.

Brungardt resigned his position as chair of the Department of Leadership Studies to take his new position. As the Voss Distinguished Professor, he will teach two classes a semester and also serve as the director of the Center for Civic Leadership, which includes such programs and projects as the Kansas Youth Leadership Academy, Tigers in Service, the American Democracy Project and service learning.

"I'm absolutely ecstatic," said Brungardt. "If you're a professor, this is the pinnacle of your career, to be selected for an endowed professorship."

Brungardt has been at FHSU since 1986, when he became assistant director of enrollment and admissions counseling. He holds two degrees from FHSU, a B.A.

in political science and an M.S. in political science. He earned his doctorate in curriculum development and policy studies from Kansas State University in 1997.

"What's really exciting about it is the freedom it provides to be creative and to conduct research," said Brungardt.

He has been with leadership studies at FHSU since its inception in 1993 and was also on the committee that developed the program in 1992.

Since then, it has grown from a program with 43 students to a full department within the university's College of Business and Leadership.

The Voss Distinguished Professorship was created in 2004 with a \$300,000 gift from Omer G. Voss, a Phillips County native who earned a degree in political science from FHSU in 1937 and went on to a career with International Harvester.

Under the Faculty of Distinction Program that was created in 2001, the Kansas Board of Regents will match the annual earnings of the \$300,000 Voss gift.

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Choirs prepare for first concert



DAMIEN LEESON/THE EDGE
Members of the FHSU Concert Choir practice in preparation for their Oct. 16 performance. The event will be held at 3 p.m. in Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

Bonnie LeRoy
Assistant Editor

The FHSU choral department will present its first performance of the year on Oct. 16, providing a selection of music sure to appeal of a wide variety of audience members.

The concert, set for 3 p.m. in the Beach/Schmidt Performing Arts Center, will feature performances from the Concert Choir, Fort Hays Singers and the Women's Chorale.

All of the ensembles are directed by Terry Crull, who is in his first year as FHSU director of choral activities.

"I'm excited about the concert, (it) being my first one here at Fort Hays," Crull said. "I've picked a wide variety of things... a real representative sampling of (music) from all

styles and periods."

As a special feature, FHSU President Edward Hammond will make a guest cameo appearance in the Fort Hays Singers' novelty number.

Crull laughingly noted that Hammond wouldn't be singing, but wouldn't divulge any more details about the role, saying he wanted it to remain a surprise for the performance.

Crull said that things would keep moving during the show, with one ensemble doing a few numbers then switching with another group to add some variety.

"There will be a lot of visual variety as well as choral variety in this upcoming concert," said

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Judge denies Llamas' plea withdrawal in FHSU death

Zach Becker
Editor

Former FHSU student Luis Llamas' request to withdraw his no contest plea in the 2003 beating death of a fellow student has been denied, according to a report in the Topeka Capital Journal.

Llamas and three others were charged in the Nov. 13, 2003 death of 18-year-old FHSU Freshman Clint Johnson at the University Apartments near campus.

District Judge Ed Bouker did not allow the change of Llamas' no contest plea to that of voluntary manslaughter. He ruled the issues brought up by Llamas were

not sufficient for the plea to be withdrawn.

According to the Topeka Capital Journal report, testimony presented at Llamas' Sept. 28 hearing argued that Llamas pleaded no contest because he was advised by his attorneys that he would not receive a fair trial, due in part to his Hispanic heritage. Prosecutors countered that Llamas' plea agreement was not race related.

In Boukers' ruling, he declared that Llamas' attorneys had given adequate counsel and that the plea agreement was not affected by race.

When Llamas made his no

contest plea in June 2004, he was sentenced to seven years and five months in prison.

Llamas, Chris Ross, Jaime Lopez and Bradley D. Deary, all FHSU students at the time of the beating, were each originally charged with second-degree murder.

Lopez was acquitted of second degree murder in Sept. 2004, while Deary and Ross both made plea deals and did not face trial.

Deary, Llamas and Ross were also members of the FHSU football team when the beating took place, while Lopez's eligibility had expired the previous year.

Ok'sober'fest



DAMIEN LEESON/THE EDGE
Christian Challenge sponsored the 5th Annual Root Beer Party at the Baptist Campus Center during Oktoberfest. For more pictures of Oktoberfest, see pages 6 and 7.

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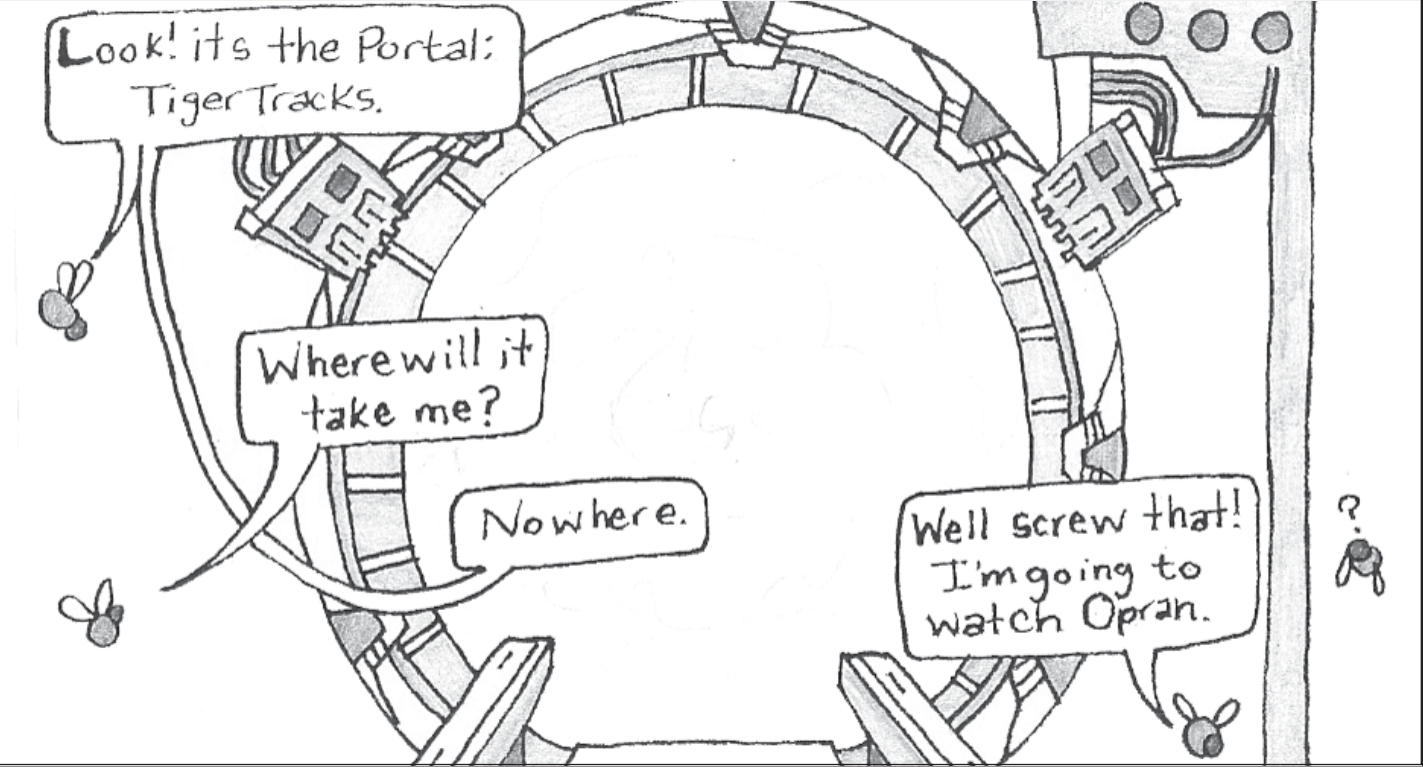
On the edge
Violence
not the
answer

It has been almost two years since the beating death of FHSU student Clint Johnson. While the tragic event ended the life of 18-year-old Johnson, it also sent ripples throughout the FHSU community and the Hays community as a whole. The scars left from that day will take well more than two-years to heal. The reputation of FHSU, as well as the sense of security people once felt in this tight-knit community, were seriously compromised that day. Johnson's family no doubt still stings with the eternal pain that comes when a loved one is struck down so senselessly and brutally, well before his time. But the pain goes beyond Johnson's family. For those found guilty of the crime, they too have had their lives and the lives of their families irrevocably altered. Forever in repose of their actions these individuals must live, bounded as much by guilt as by the chains of their earthly punishment. There is a lesson to be learned from these tragic events, though. That lesson: Violence is not the answer. Learn to solve disputes via the spoken word, not the swinging fist.

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Unfurled Wit

By Damien Leeson



Remember to take time out for God

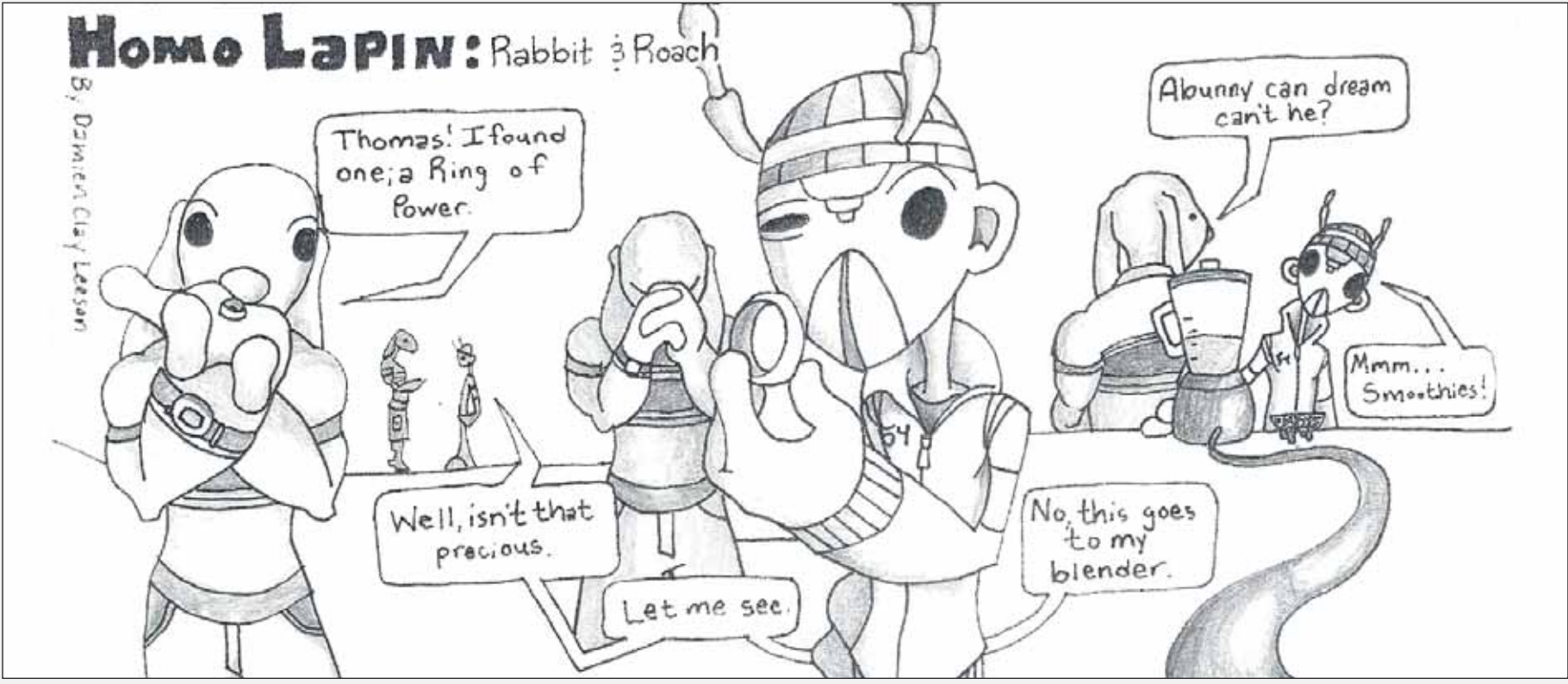


Stuart Johnson
Faith Columnist

As we near mid-semester, some students are probably nearing their melting point due to mid-term tests, projects, and the Chiefs' performance a week ago against the Broncos and then this week against the Eagles. Some students will forget about mid-terms and not begin studying until 11 the night before the test. Some will procrastinate and try to throw together something that resembles a project the morning it

is due. However, other students will take school more seriously. They will study adequately and will be well prepared for tests, will start early and allot ample time to projects, and get plenty of rest. Yet, one cannot forget to devote ample time to something more important than school. As we become busy with school and life in general, spending time in the Word and with God will do much more for us than just studying alone. Now, I am not saying that all our time must be spent reading scripture and praying. There are things we must do everyday and responsibilities we have to our families, to school, and to our jobs. In Deuteronomy 8:3, the Bible says that "...man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." In that scripture, the

word "alone" indicates that something else is needed along with the "bread." In our lives, along with everyday events, such as eating, working, going to class, or taking tests, we must also take time to be with God and to be in His Word. We may think that we do not have time, that we can do it tomorrow, or that it is not necessary. These are all untrue. Time with God is very necessary, and is something that will greatly benefit you, whether you feel like you need His help or not. Next, we always have time. All it would take is getting up ten minutes earlier in the morning, spending fifteen less minutes watching TV and playing video games, or coming home twenty minutes earlier in the evening. And putting it off until tomorrow will not do you any good today. Why not start today what could transform your life forever?



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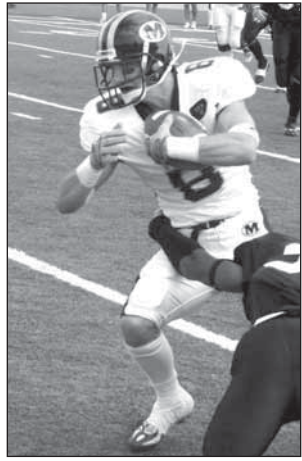
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▼ Homecoming Game



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FHSU played host to Colorado School of Mines for the Tigers' Homecoming game on Oct. 1. FHSU fell behind early and ended up losing, 46-10.



On the Sidelines

Upcoming football schedule, results

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result
Aug. 27	Emporia State	Hays	L 13-52
Sept. 3	Pittsburg State	Pittsburg, KS	L 7-58
Sept. 10	New Mexico Highlands	Las Vegas, NM	W 21-14
Sept. 17	Chadron State College	Chadron, NE	L 6-45
Sept. 24	Adams State College	Hays	W 18-15
Oct. 1	Colorado School of Mines	Hays	L 10-46
Upcoming Games			
Oct. 8	Fort Lewis College	Durango, CO	2 p.m.
Oct. 22	Mesa State College	Grand Junction, CO	2 p.m.

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▼ Justice Jive

Search warrant questions answered



Andria Cooper
Guest Columnist

Q: I've heard that police can enter your home and arrest you without a warrant if they spot you from the street doing something illegal. Is this true? If so, what are the rules regarding search warrants?

A: The short answer to the question above is: No, law enforcement can not simply come into your home to make an arrest without a search warrant and/or an arrest warrant.

However, if they view criminal activity from the street, for example, they may be able to detain you long enough to get a search and/or arrest warrant to come back and search the premises, seize evidence and then possibly arrest you.

Why?

The Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects people from unreasonable searches and

seizures done by the government (i.e. law enforcement).

Entry into a person's home to look for items or persons is considered to be a "search" and on its face, it is unreasonable without a warrant (i.e. illegal for the government to do).

Likewise, any taking of property or arresting a person while in the residence would be a "seizure."

However, there are some circumstances where it might be *reasonable* to search a home *without* a warrant. (Remember, as long as it is reasonable, it is okay for the government to search and/or seize and it won't violate the Fourth Amendment; the Fourth Amendment only protects against *unreasonable* searches or seizures).

Instances where it is reasonable for the government to search or seize without a warrant are known as exceptions to the warrant requirement. Some examples are consent to search, hot pursuit, and welfare checks, but there are others.

As an example, it is easy to see why getting a search warrant even after a person voluntarily consents to a search would be an unreasonable restraint on law

enforcement; it would not be reasonable to require law enforcement to go get a warrant even though the person voluntarily consented to the search.

The exception I think the question above refers to is the "plain sight" exception to the warrant requirement.

This exception basically means that law enforcement may seize fruits of criminal activity if 1) it is obviously related to criminal activity, 2) they see it in plain sight, and 3) they are in a place where they have a right to be.

Applying this to the scenario posed in the question, we can determine if all three of these criteria are met.

First, we would have to determine whether the officer did see obvious criminal activity or evidence. Assuming the officer did see this, the next question is whether it was in plain sight.

If a person's windows are open and the officer could plainly see criminal activity or evidence from outside, this probably meets the "plain sight" requirement.

However, where there is the most confusion, for laypersons and officers alike, is the third requirement which requires the of-

ficer must be in a place *where he has a right to be*.

When the officer is outside the residence, he is in a place where he has a right to be. But once he comes in the home without a search or arrest warrant, the officer is not in a place where he has a right to be.

Why doesn't he have a right to be there since he observed criminal activity, you might ask? Simple, he has no authority to enter because he has no search and/or arrest warrant, something presumed to be unreasonable.

Word of Caution

However, there is a difference between the situation where law enforcement enter your home, look around and take "evidence" or take you away and a situation where law enforcement simply enter the home to secure it and temporarily detain you in order to obtain a warrant.

In the latter case, courts generally find no Fourth Amendment violation because temporary detention is not a legal "arrest" (and is therefore probably reasonable), and entering the home simply to secure it, not to search and seize until after obtaining a warrant is reasonable.

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Bottom line; trying to make your activities private might knock out the "plain sight" factor in the first place, making it difficult for law enforcement to get a warrant or detain you. But if an officer does see criminal activity in plain sight, they will either have to get a warrant ahead of time or temporarily detain you and secure your place while they get the warrant.

Andria Cooper is an assistant professor of Justice Studies. Questions concerning the law and other related justice issues can be sent to criminaljustice@fhsu.edu.

▼ Reader Forum

Student voices can impact gas prices

I'm sure you've gotten one – the "Don't buy gas on Tuesday" e-mail forwards that say if we just didn't buy gas for one day, it'd send a rift through the oil industry and bring them to their knees.

If only it were so easy. The simple fact is that even if you didn't buy gas that one day, you would still have to drive just to do what you need to do, so you'd either buy extra gas the day before or the day after. Either way, you're still using the same amount of gas.

If we were to all change our driving habits on a long term basis, it would absolutely affect the price of gasoline. But it would also have adverse effects on other parts of the economy because you wouldn't be driving to do or buy the things you normally do.

The Problem

Like any other product, the price of gas-

oline is largely determined by supply and demand, not necessarily on how greedy oil companies are.

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supply of gasoline available to the public to buy. Obviously, if there's less gas, it will cost more.

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Supply has stayed the same, while demand has gone up. Again, price goes up.

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Find out how to contact your congressmen at www.visi.com/juan/congress/index.html.

Joshua Bieber
FHSU Senior


" A new oil refinery has not been built in the (U.S.) since 1976 ... Why haven't we built more refineries? Strict environmental laws have made it next to impossible ... "



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Edge should serve as open forum



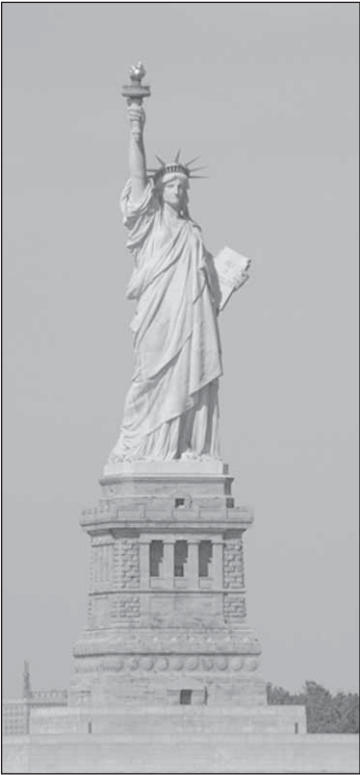
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Writer

The institution of University was designed to be a forum of open discussion. Human progress centers on the ability of educated citizens discussing the current political issues of the day. Homosexuality, the Patriot Act, and TABOR (Taxpayers Bill of Rights) are not even a tip of the iceberg of issues that should be discussed on campus. "If it can't be discussed here (at the college), it can't be discussed anywhere," said Larry Gould, FHSU Provost, in a presentation to Shala Bannister's Current Political Issues class. So how better to make the college a forum of open discussion than to voice your opinions

here in *The Edge*? Students of FHSU often take it for granted that 75% of their tuition is paid for by the taxpayers. Approximately 80% of students going to FHSU are on some sort of financial aid. When we skip classes, we are throwing money away and aiming it right back into the faces of those who gave it to us. The university experience is one that offers many real-life lessons, and it should, otherwise there is no reason not to just buy a degree online. However, the taxpayers are expecting us to *learn* and *think*, not just entertain one another. When the community picks up a paper from this university, they should not be simply entertained (and especially not appalled by numerous errors in bold type), they should be provoked into thought. George Washington once said that magazines are "easy vehicles of knowledge." They "preserve the liberty, stimulate the industry, and meliorate the morals of an enlightened and free people." Edgar Allen Poe explained that "We find

ourselves involved in the gross paradox of liking a stupid book the better, because its stupidity is American." This is an institution of education, though, not Comedy Central. There needs to be a judgment call made somewhere as to what goes into a university publication and what does not. Back up your opinions with rational thought rather than engage in mudslinging. So, I am proposing that we try to take back our role as students and begin discussing current issues that interest the student populous. We are the forum of open discussion (if ever one has existed). Freedom of assembly; freedom of the press; freedom of speech and expression: Let's talk about the issues surrounding this university and this nation and even abroad. *The Edge* invites you to send us emails about what concerns you. Let's get this university buzzing with discussion again, instead of just hearing laughter and ridicule. Send your issue to me at: FHSU_issues@hotmail.com.



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▼FHSU Portal

TigerTracks sprints past competition in contest

And the winner is ... TigerTracks, which, with a vote of 189 to 140 for its nearest challenger, will be the name of the new Fort Hays State University portal, set to go online in January.

TigerTracks won out over the other four finalists from about 150 submissions in the portal naming contest. A total of 597 students participated in the online voting.

The vote: TigerTracks, 189; TigerWire, 140; CyberTiger, 135; TigerLink, 80; and TigerConnect, 25.

The portal will increase Internet convenience for FHSU students through single-sign-on access to both local and global web information that is personally customized according to each

student's needs.

A student can check FHSU e-mail online; interact with classes, professors and friends; look up club and event information; and conduct business with the university.

Several students won prizes as part of a random drawing that was included as one of the incentives to go online and name the portal.

Students also will be able to perform such tasks as checking their grades, reviewing their transcripts and paying their tuition, all from a computer keyboard.

Faculty and staff will also have access to the portal to communicate with students and other faculty and to conduct business with the university.

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Upcoming Events:

Leaderville- October 12, 6:00 pm. McMIndes Hall East Living Room. "Good Grief-Working Through the Rough Spots." Facilitated by Kelly Center Staff.

Kansas Youth Leadership Academy- October 17, 8:30 am.- 3:00 pm. Memorial Union. Hays Region High School Leadership Seminar.

Kansas Youth Leadership Academy- October 19, 8:30 am.- 3:00 pm. Memorial Union. Hays Region Middle School Leadership Seminar.

Spotlight:

American Democracy Project Forum- October 10, 7:00-8:30 pm. Fort Hays Ballroom, Memorial Union. "Indian Mascots: Heritage or Heresy." Presented by Dr. Ray Wilson, Bill Wilhelm, Kurt Beyers, Stuebaker Red Corn, Dr. Pete Coser.

For more information, contact the Center for Civic Leadership at 628-5592 or ccl@fhsu.edu.

Union renovation about to begin

Pending final approval by the Kansas Board of Regents, an extensive renovation of FHSU's Memorial Union will begin later this fall.

Dr. Edward H. Hammond, FHSU president, announced Wednesday that the contract would go to Paul Wertenberger Construction of Hays.

"We're very pleased that a local construction company was the successful bidder to become the general contractor," Hammond said.

The winning base bid was \$6.27 million, plus alternates of \$617,400 for a variety of additional work including replacement of windows throughout the building, installation of a new roofing membrane and cleaning of exterior masonry. The total of \$6,887,400 exceeded the program budget of \$5.18 million.

"Because the bids came in higher than the estimate, the project must receive board approval," Hammond explained.

Dana Cunningham, director of facilities planning, said bonds for the project were expected to become available Nov. 10, with construction to begin soon thereafter. The contract calls for the project to be completed in 590 calendar days, so Cunningham said he expected the finish date to fall somewhere in June 2007.

Because of the scope of the project, construction will cause disruption to services in the Memorial Union. Cunningham noted that those disruptions also would affect three non-university entities -- the Barnes & Noble University Book Store, Chartwell's Food Service and Commerce Bank -- that are housed in the Memorial Union.

Bill Smriga, Memorial Union director, will have primary responsibility for taking the facility through the disruptions. He and his staff have been planning for more than a year to make the transition as smooth as possible.

"During the renovations, certain areas will be closed to the public," Smriga said. "Particular entrances may be closed, and parking may be limited due to construction-related activity."

Smriga said the Memorial Union staff would provide up-

dates about construction progress through a special Web site -- www.fhsu.edu/union/renovation/news.shtml -- and through the use of e-mail, public notices and signage.

"We also will do our best to inform everyone about specific disruptions of the facilities and services," he said. "We appreciate your understanding, because 'business as usual' will not be the case during the renovation process."

Highlights of the renovation include: a new student lounge and performance area; an expanded Student Health Services area; an expanded University Bookstore area; expanded Student Government Association and University Activities Board office areas; renovation of the existing cafeteria; a new building entrance on the west adjacent to the street and public parking; introduction of wireless connectivity throughout the building; visual connectivity between the ground level and the lower level; replacement of existing HVAC/mechanical systems; a visual screen between the west entrance and the loading dock; an enhancement of the east entrance courtyard on the Quad; a redesign of the west entrance drive and drop-off area; and replacement of segments of deteriorated mechanical piping.

Correction

In the Sept. 22 issue of *The Edge*, Ron Schott was misidentified as the creator of Blogcat. Suzanne Klaus, FHSU's webmaster, is the person who actually created Blogcat. *The Edge* regrets the error.

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Homecoming weekend



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FHSU students, faculty, alumni and community members enjoyed last weekend's Homecoming and Oktoberfest festivities. The party started on Friday with Oktoberfest at Frontier Park and continued through the football game on Saturday. Many alumni events also took place over the weekend. The weekend culminated during half-time of the football game, when the Homecoming royalty were announced. Laci Dearden, Leoti senior, was voted Homecoming Queen and Nathan Staab, Hays senior, was voted in as Homecoming King.

